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1. LAST THREE DOCUMENTS FOR THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECOND
SESSION AND PREPARATORY MEETING WERE POUCHED TO PAUL BYRNES,
IO/AGR, ON APRIL 28, REGISTRY NUMBERS 3118264 AND 3118265.

2. DOCUMENT WFC/20 HAS BEEN REVISED FROM ADVANCE COPY WHICH WAS
PREVIOUSLY SENT TO WASHINGTON. CHANGES OCCUR IN THE SECTION
DEALING WITH CONSTRAINTS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN LDCS.
COMMENT: THE WFC DOCUMENT, THOUGH EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF
CONSTRAINTS, IS WEAK ON HOW TO HANDLE THEM. FREQUENTLY, THESE
CONSTRAINTS ARE OF A POLITICAL NATURE. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT POLITICAL
CONSTRAINTS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN LDCS WILL BE REALLY
FACED IN A REVIEW SOLELY BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WE
SUGGEST ONE WAY OF TACKLING LDC NATIONAL CONSTRAINTS ON AGRI-
CULTURAL PRODUCTION WOULD BE TO SLOWLY INSTITUTE COUNTRY REVIEW OF
AGRICULTURAL POLICIES OF THE 43 "FOOD PRIORITY COUNTRIES"
IDENTIFIED BY WFC. REVIEWS WOULD BE PREPARED BY RELEVANT IN-
TERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, BUT SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY SMALL
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NUMBER OF COUNTRIES BEFORE WFC WITH COUNTRY BEING REVIEWED

RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS, IN OTHER WORDS A COUNTRY REVIEW SYSTEM
SIMILAR TO THAT USED IN THE OECD. IN MANY COUNTRIES SOCIAL
POLICIES ARE THE GREATEST HINDRANCE TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
AND ONLY PUBLICITY HAS A CHANCE OF CHANGING THEM.VOLPE

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